

Act 171 Forest Integrity Study Committee  
Draft Summary of Potential Changes Presented on Oct. 18, 2016

Public Comment

| Contributor / Organization Name                            | #   | Potential Change  | Notes   |
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| Peter Gregory Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission | 4.1 | Add subsection to 24 VSA § 4411 (a) by including <u>(6) private roads and driveways.</u>  |   |
| Peter Gregory Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission | 4.2 | Add subsection to 24 V.S.A. § 4411(b) (3) <u>(l) large forest tracts</u> to enable the a special protective standard that could apply on a parcel by parcel basis.  |   |
| Peter Gregory Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission | 4.3 | Encourage towns to adopt in their bylaws a density waiver enabled under 24 V.S.A. § 4414 (1) (8) to keep allow for small lots in towns with zoning and no subdivision bylaws.   | Many towns adopt large lot size requirements, often 10 acres, that are too small for forestry or the Current Use program. |
| Peter Gregory Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission | 4.4 | Encourage towns to adopt a standard enabled under 24 V.S.A. § 4417 that allows, or even requires, minimization of forest fragmentation through use of density waivers as well as placement of lot lines, roads and utilities. |   |
| Peter Gregory Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission | 4.5 | Create a model provision that expands the density waiver mentioned above across parcel lines to adjacent parcels or even distant parcels.   | Utilize transfer of development rights enabled under 24 V.S.A. 4423 to channel development away from forest blocks.       |
| Peter Gregory Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission | 4.6 | Encourage towns to create maximum setbacks in municipal zoning, as they already consider minimum setbacks.  |   |
| Peter Gregory Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission | 4.7 | Encourage towns to reclassify Class IV roads as trails and reducing the right of way to 20 feet.  |   |